

# Kuwait: Population by nationality group, sex and age group (December 2017)

Age group	Kuwaitis			Arabs			Asians			Africans			Europeans			Non-Kuwaitis		North Americans		South Americans		Australians-Oceanians		TOTAL non-Kuwaitis		GRAND TOTAL				
	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	males	females	males	females	males	females	males	females	males	females			
	0-4	84,257	80,976	165,233	51,271	48,754	100,025	21,537	20,309	41,846	298	281	579	598	610	1,208	1,228	946	2,174	61	62	123	78	71	149	75,071	71,033	146,104	159,328	152,009
5-9	84,427	81,799	166,226	52,206	49,943	102,149	18,083	18,349	37,332	173	176	349	691	659	1,350	993	882	1,875	70	86	156	105	85	190	73,221	70,180	143,401	157,648	151,979	309,627
10-14	78,076	75,767	153,843	42,209	39,516	81,725	13,911	13,300	27,211	131	129	260	566	596	1,072	843	791	1,624	78	57	135	76	68	144	57,814	54,267	112,181	125,090	120,124	266,024
15-19	68,035	65,404	133,439	35,703	31,586	65,289	8,886	8,405	17,291	159	131	290	339	339	678	759	689	1,448	47	49	96	65	46	111	43,958	41,245	85,203	111,993	106,649	218,642
20-24	66,153	64,147	130,300	47,506	30,437	77,943	82,083	15,319	97,402	706	4,002	4,708	289	469	758	432	525	957	73	58	131	42	58	100	131,131	50,868	181,999	197,284	115,015	312,299
25-29	55,983	56,069	112,052	124,078	40,695	164,773	203,135	70,389	273,524	2,045	12,921	14,966	622	861	1,483	739	699	1,438	80	105	185	50	57	107	330,749	125,727	456,476	386,732	181,796	568,528
30-34	48,009	52,571	100,580	124,099	44,828	168,927	222,544	85,779	308,323	2,525	11,807	14,412	873	983	1,856	941	674	1,615	124	91	215	59	49	100	351,765	144,291	496,056	400,574	196,862	597,436
35-39	40,315	44,555	84,870	104,741	35,716	140,457	237,503	86,507	324,010	1,377	4,357	5,734	968	900	1,868	1,035	566	1,601	104	94	198	89	64	153	345,817	128,204	474,021	386,132	172,759	558,891
40-44	34,793	39,712	74,505	76,173	25,203	101,376	186,306	74,827	261,133	686	1,567	2,253	1,007	753	1,760	894	497	1,391	88	53	141	72	49	121	265,226	102,949	368,175	300,819	142,661	442,680
45-49	29,793	34,430	64,223	57,155	18,765	75,920	144,680	54,146	198,826	431	475	906	1,052	611	1,663	1,052	466	1,518	89	38	127	74	49	123	204,533	74,550	279,083	234,326	108,980	343,306
50-54	25,135	29,521	54,656	45,457	14,504	59,961	86,907	29,780	116,687	282	145	427	978	508	1,486	1,206	448	1,654	93	44	137	105	51	156	135,028	45,480	180,508	160,163	75,001	235,164
55-59	18,823	23,400	42,243	29,352	10,301	39,653	49,109	14,644	63,753	175	97	272	844	376	1,220	1,359	376	1,535	68	25	93	96	30	126	80,893	25,849	106,742	99,626	49,269	148,895
60-64	13,866	18,932	32,798	17,647	6,850	24,497	23,888	6,231	30,119	96	62	158	526	248	774	681	247	928	43	17	60	45	13	58	42,926	13,668	56,594	56,792	32,600	89,392
>64	22,547	31,698	54,245	16,973	10,481	27,454	11,366	3,635	15,001	50	36	86	385	235	620	537	227	764	25	9	34	31	20	51	29,367	14,643	44,010	51,914	46,341	98,255
Total	671,012	699,001	1,370,013	823,170	407,579	1,230,749	1,310,838	501,620	1,812,458	9,134	36,266	45,400	9,738	8,058	17,796	12,499	8,033	20,532	1,043	788	1,831	987	710	1,697	2,167,409	963,054	3,130,463	2,838,421	1,662,055	4,500,476

Source: PACI

## ANNEXED NOTE

### 1. Characteristics of data and definitions

The source of data used here is the Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI), an independent body in charge of :

- 1- centralising all population and labour force data in order to manage a fully computerised population register
- 2- issuing mandatory civil identification cards to every resident of the country, regardless of age and nationality.

The other source of demographic and socioeconomic data on Kuwait is the Central Statistical Office (CSO), operating within the Planning Ministry. The CSO has conducted ten population and housing censuses since its inception in 1957.

Since 1995 a marked discrepancy was witnessed between PACI' and CSO' population figures. PACI' database is connected electronically with other administrations and bodies registering demographic events and professional/residency issues (births and death; departures and arrivals; end of service, residency and ID deliveries, etc.).

PACI's records of residents' movements is thus regularly updated, which limits the risk of population overcount. Therefore, it is more likely that residents were undercounted during CSO- Ministry of Planning's census operations (see: Shah, N. Population of Kuwait. Structure and Dynamics, Kuwait: Kuwait University Academic Publication Council, 2010, chapter 1).

**(a) Kuwaiti:** the Kuwaiti nationality rests upon a document of Kuwaiti nationality or a certificate proving Kuwaiti nationality issued by the Ministry of Interior of Kuwait.

**(b) Non-Kuwaiti:** his/ her nationality is determined by the name of the State which issued the passport. The foreign national also entered Kuwait legally and has a stamp of residence.

This category includes the Bidoon, a category of stateless persons living in the Emirate. Kuwait's Bidoon population originates from three broad categories:

- 1) those whose ancestors failed to apply for nationality or lacked necessary documentation at the time of Kuwait's independence in 1961;
- 2) those recruited to work in Kuwait's army or police force during the 1960s who permanently settled in Kuwait, along with their families;
- 3) children of Kuwaiti mothers and stateless or foreign fathers (see Human Rights Watch. Prisoners of the Past. Kuwaiti Bidun and the Burden of Statelessness, June 2011, p. 3).

(The children of Kuwaiti mothers and non-Kuwaiti fathers (with specific nationality) inherit the father's nationality. They are stateless if the father is stateless).

**(c) Nationality group:** collected according to the nationality of the head of the household.

Nationalities are grouped according to specific features common to certain population subgroups: language, geographic origin, etc. or according to internationally recognized categories such as: (Arab / non-Arab Asian countries / non-Arab African countries; European countries ... etc.).

## **2. Institution which provides data**

The Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI)

## **3. Period of data coverage: 31 December 2017**

The database is updated three times a year and the website presents only the most recent data.

## **4. Data availability**

The statistics section of PACI's website (<http://www.paci.gov.kw/en/> (English); <http://www.paci.gov.kw/> (Arabic)) provides population and socio-economic data broken down by nationality (Kuwaiti/ non-Kuwaiti). Some data are displayed by nationality groups.

Analytical tables and data crosstabulations are available for download in PDF, html, .png and Excel (.csv) formats.

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